

# Media Information



Columbus Division of Police

Date: May 20, 2020

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Traffic Related Fatality

Date: 05/19/20

Time: Approx  
2:00AM

Location of Offense/Incident: S. Hamilton Rd. at Groves Rd.

Zone: 2

Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 200358610

Cruiser District: 93

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**Incident Summary:** On Tuesday May 19, 2020 at approximately 2:07 PM, the Columbus Division of Police Radio Room received a call of a silver vehicle that was upside down and off the roadway. This vehicle; a 2009 Mercury Milan registered to a Tonya Brown (46) of Columbus, was located partially submerged under-water in a large drainage culvert underneath S. Hamilton Road, south of Groves Rd. The culvert was surrounded by dense vegetation and its bottom is approximately 15 feet lower than the Hamilton Rd. roadway.

Police and EMS personnel responded and extracted Ms. Brown from the vehicle and she was pronounced dead at the scene. The Accident Investigation Unit responded and initiated an investigation, which is ongoing.

Ms. Brown's family had reported her missing earlier in the day. They reported Ms. Brown had last called them shortly before 2:00 AM on May 19th. Officers searched for Ms. Brown but were unable to find her or her car.

At this point it is too early to identify all contributing factors related to the cause of this fatality, however preliminary information indicates there was high water in this area when Ms. Brown disappeared.

\*\*\*\*\*In 2020, Columbus has had 19 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 21 fatalities.\*\*\*\*\*

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